

MINUTES TO MEETING**MEETING DATE:** 11/1/21**ATTENDEES:** Rebecca Turner, Barbara Kalish, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Douglas Cooper, Francis Nestor**DISTRIBUTION:** Attendees, File, Bill Wood,**LOCATION:** Archive Room, Egremont Library, 1 Button Ball La

Discussion		Action By/Date
1.	General	
a.	10/14/21 minutes – accepted with revisions as noted in these minutes	
2.	New Business	
a.	Coffee, Tea and History	BK 1/2022
	1. History of April Hill – presentation by Will Conklin	RT 1/2022
	2. Prospect lake history in photos and stories – presentation and scrap book	BK 1/2022
	3. 60 Years of the Egremont Garden Club – presentation and scrap book	AM 1/2022
b.	Monitor BoS and PB calendar, agenda and attend meetings	On-Going
c.	Holiday Party – Pot Luck Dinner at Doug’s house – date TBD	12/2021
3.	Membership	
a.	Stephen Piersanti has resigned, RT to follow-up w/BoS	12/6
b.	Francis Nestor will submit an application to join the EHC, RT to follow-up w/BoS	12/6
4.	EHC Focus for 2021: Demo Delay	
5.	Village School	
a.	1. South Egremont Village School: Potential school consolidation could result in moving the Pre-K program to the main campus. 2. BK to revise draft letter based on fact checking the plans being put forth by the BoE. EHC position	11/1/21
6.	Academy Building ADA upgrade Document Comments	
a.	BoS requested comments by 10/31 – no possible without seeing Mass Historical comments. MH allegedly signed off on documents without input from EHC. Follow up by RT/EHC to provide comments on distributed documents.	RT
b.	EHC agreed that the design of the ramp appears historically insensitive to the site and building. RT spoke w/the architect who stated that this was a response to the limited budget	
c.	Site plan, parking plan and landscape plan to be provided – EHC will emphasize the need for a site plan. Generally, applications for construction require a lot/block plan showing the extent of work.	
d.	EHC would like to see design development and evolution of current design. What were the parameters: ie septic field location, site boundaries, setback requirements – not forthcoming. EHC to contact Mass Historical to understand approvals and reinforce our objections and being bypassed in this process until the last minute.	
e.	EHC comments have not been submitted to the BoS on a formal basis but informal emails and conversations document our objections. 1. Option to regrade and shorten ramp? 2. Provide all elevations 3. Railing detail needs further definition 4. Show ADA parking spot (paving of parking lot is NIS)	
7.	Annual Report	
a.	Next All Commission Meeting	RT 11/1/21
8.	MACRIS Phase 5	
a.	2020/21: 7 Button Ball to be added to Phase 4	

b.	2021/22: 20 properties to be added, contract signed LA, work commencing	RT 11/1/21
c.	RT to forward property list to Neil at Larson Assoc.	RT 9/9/21
d.	Schedule 11/21: Start work 6/30/22: Complete work	LA
9.	Egremont Newsletter	BK 12/21
a.	Next article 1. Shun Toll road – early way round to avoid paying the too 2. Owner: Neal and Rene Goff, 304 Egremont Plain Road, 917-541-4034 3. House has been moved Future article ideas 4. Old Mill 5. Pinecrest Hill 6. Kenver 7. Col. Smiley	
10.	Website maintenance 1. RT will work with Caroline Alexander to update the website 2. EHC to provide a scope and budget based on an hourly rate for feedback from CA 3. Francis Nestor is familiar with website design and will follow-up with Caroline	FN 1/2022
11.	Town Hall Sign	
a.	This is on hold until we see the progress plans for the new site design.	
12.	Archive collection/organization/layout	1/2022
a.	EHC to discuss revised goals, program and plans for the archives	On-going
b.	RT developed a plan of the archive room. Will add dimensions	RT 7/7/21
8.	Demolition delay by-law	5/2022
a.	Draft Development Plan 1. Goal – present the By Law at the next Annual Town Meeting: 5/2022 – a. BoS stated that this was overly ambitious and would not support the effort since it has a small likelihood of being approved. b. Estimates approx. 2 years for an interim plan, during which time the DD bylaw should be revised to make it more “owner friendly” 2. Logistics – to be revised a. Write the 1st draft of the bylaw – RT to forward the last draft to the EHC members b. Agenda discussion and attend November PB meeting 11/21 meeting c. Present to the BoS: 11/2021 d. Write the final draft e. Present to BoS: 12/2021 f. Public Hearing – 1/2022 3. <u>Rough Outline of steps – dates to be re-evaluated</u> a. EHC/PB coordination meeting b. EHC/PB present to BoS c. Outreach d. Public Hearing e. EHC/PB develop final draft f. EHC/PB present to BoS g. EHC/PB Post the DD by law on the warrant h. EHC/PB present at Public Meeting 4. Next Steps a. Research why last DD bylaw was rejected by the voters b. Revise schedule for a 2 year plan that will prevent loss of significant Egremont structures in key locations. This would then segue into the Master Plan as possibly a historic district overlay. c. Redefine scope and goals based on BoS comments d. Current draft is too broad and non-specific, 1 year is too long to delay an owner or purchaser’s construction, too much discretionary decisions on the part of EHC, how many buildings would be subject to this bylaw, obtain experience of other towns – Sheffield,	5/2022

	<p>Lenox, Stockbridge, discuss w/Jeremia, establish fees that might include an architectural historian, establish how and what fees are to be collected,</p> <p>e. Revise draft DD bylaw</p> <p>f. Maintain on-going conversations with the PB and other relevant committees</p>	
b.	<p>Comments</p> <p>1. Penalties for non-compliance – DC to follow-up with town atty. Jeremia Pollard</p> <p>2. Bylaw should focus on negotiation and collaboration with the homeowner</p>	
9.	Future Outreach Initiatives	
a.	Develop a local out reach program to inform the community of our mission/activities/etc.	On-going
b.	Invite Library Committee and look for ways to collaborate. RT to contact LC chair	On-going
c.	<p>Invite 1-2 representatives from the following neighboring Historical Commissions/Societies for a coffee and cake collaboration session</p> <p>1. Sheffield – BK to reach out to Sheffield Hist. Comm. and Society</p> <p>2. Stockbridge</p> <p>3. Mt Washington</p> <p>4. New Marlboro</p>	11/21
10.	Next Meeting	
a.	Next Meeting: Mon. 12/6/21	11/1/21
b.	End of minutes	
c.	Submitted: 11/18/21 by Barbara Kalish	
	Future Initiatives	
1.	COVID-19 historical record for archives	
2.	Attendees agreed that the EH should reach out to residents to collect stories and personal accounts of the COVID-19 epidemic and how it effected Egremont. RT will circulate a draft post for outreach to the community via social media. Out-reach should include Egremont residents, teachers and others involved with the town.	RT On-going
3.	Possible use of the “Tribute” platform to record the stories (not discussed at meeting)	BK
4.	<p>Oral History Project</p> <p>a) Richard Birdsall’s story, “You Can’t Get There from Here” was read at our meeting and will be included in the archive as well as presented at the birthday party. BK to obtain copy or tape.</p> <p>b) Oral History –Stanley Gracyk is writing a series on his experiences working in the General Store. He will share and possible read his essays for the OHP.</p> <p>c) Will Conklin re. History of April Hill</p> <p>d) BK to develop list of interviewees</p> <p>e) BK to contact Lynn Wood, Richard Burdsall, Mary Brasie and record their many stories</p>	On-going EHC BK - On-going
5.	Promotion of EHC – Coffee/Tea and History	
6.	Strategic Alliances	
7.	Grants: EHC to investigate grant opportunities	
8.	Create a historically appropriate feature or informational sign at the library	
9.	EHC Newsletter: For distribution annually: EHC will create a short news report about the events of the past year and plans for the coming year	